





#### MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

October 2016 – The next regular MNS meeting will be held Thursday, October 20, 2016, 7 PM, at the Mayfair Mall Community Room Expanded show and tell, and the annual raffle drawing, will be held. Our semi-annual auction will take place in November.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road).

October Coin of the Month: This month we feature a set of 3 historic US World War II silver nickels, encased in an attractive display folder. Included are a 1945-P, a 1944-D, and a 1942-S all in nice circulated condition. The opening bid for this attractively packaged set is only \$8.



#### October 2016 MNS President's Message

By the time you read this message our Club's annual coin show will have come and gone, marking another successful show to end the year. A big thank you to everyone who did their part in making it the success that it always is! We sold out of raffle tickets very early on in the coin show and only a few lucky people will win. Find out who at the October meeting, where we will draw for the prizes.

At the last club meeting the MNS voted to fund \$800 of the total \$1,500 amount for sponsoring the medals exhibit award category at this spring's CSNS coin show. This exhibit category award will again be funded in conjunction with the support of the South Shore Coin Club. This is a great way for our clubs to support the hobby while at the same time giving ourselves a little bit of self promotion.

The nomination committee has been actively searching for members that are willing to serve their club in an official capacity. Right now we have all of the usual five officers and one trustee position up for election at the December meeting. These officer positions are president, vice president, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sergeant at Arms. I believe they have found a few different members to serve in several of those openings, but it is not too late to approach the committee if you are still interested in serving. The plan is to have the slate of nominees named at the October meeting, and then published in the November newsletter just in time for the December election.

The annual Club Banquet at Alioto's is fast approaching on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be sure that you have spoken with VP Jim H. concerning your meal selection. Remember, if you volunteered at least three hours at the show you then qualify for a free meal. This year our keynote speaker will be Jeffrey Paunicka, a noted numismatist who will speak to us a little bit on counterfeit note detection along with some very interesting history on the banknotes of John Dillinger robberies. I hope to see many of you there!

On a personal note, with the start of my new full time job please ensure that you have updated all of your contact information for me. You can always reach me at the below referenced e-mail address and cell phone number. Giving me a call on my phone will always result in a quicker response from me, since I typically only check my e-mail once a week, so please keep that in mind when looking for a response.

Happy Collecting, Justin J. Perrault masters1122@yahoo.com 262.613.9996

### MN\$ 2016

#### Schedule

Monthly meetings in 2016 are held at 7:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

#### Monthly meeting programs

Jan 21: Officer Inductions

Feb 18: Open

March 17: North vs. South Trivia

April 21: Educational Video Viewing

April 29: CSNS Bus Trip
May 19: Spring Auction

June 16: Tour at Best Place – 6 PM

July 21: NO MEETING

Aug 18: Possible Presentation on Great

Britain Numismatics by Leon S.

Sept 15: Robert Leonard: Forgeries of

Mark Hofmann

Oct 20: Raffle Ticket Prize Drawing;

"Other Collections" Expanded

Show & Tell

Nov 17: Autumn Auction; Election Slate

Dec 15: Holiday Party; Officer Elections

#### Annual Dues

Dues for 2016 are \$10. Please pay at the next meeting, or they may be mailed to MNS, PO Box 241174, Milwaukee, WI 53224. Thanks to those who have paid.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

#### 2016 Numismatic Events

October 22 MNS Banquet at Alioto's – 6 PM October 23 Nicolet Coin Club Show (9-3 PM)

Stadium View Bar & Grill

1093 Holmgren Way

November 5 Kenosha Coin Club Show (9-3 PM)

Kenosha Union Club

3030 39<sup>th</sup> Ave.

November 6 Madison Fall Coin Show (9-4 PM)

Sheraton Hotel, 706 John Nolan Dr.

Nov. 16-19 PCDA Nat'l Currency & Coin Conv

Crowne Plaza – Rosemont, IL

April 26-29 CSNS Coin Show

Renaissance Convention Center

Schaumburg, IL

#### Refreshment Schedule

Jan: Dave Herrewig

Feb: Tom Dallmann

Mar: Justin Perrault Apr: Don Kaminski

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Jun: Appetizers at Blue Ribbon Pub

Jul: N/A

Aug: John Bleidorn

Sep: Gary B. Oct: Pam T.

Nov: Howard Thorpe

Dec: Holiday Party

# Milwaukee Numismatic Society Minutes September 15, 2016

President Justin Perrault called the 971<sup>st</sup> meeting of the MNS to order at 7:06 pm. There were 20 members and 1 guest in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Door prizes were won by: Gary B. Paul K. Howard T. Tony R. Neil S. Don K. Leon A. Bruce B.

A moment of silence was observed for long time member Thomas Artus who passed away September 10<sup>th</sup>. Tom was the club Sergeant-at-Arms for many years.

Coin of the month: Dave Hunsicker auctioned off a historic nickel set which was won by Bob M. for \$16.00.

Treasurer's report: Lee Hartz reported that for August MNS had receipts of \$22.50 and disbursements of \$493.00.

Correspondence: The club received the Numismatist magazine.

Annual coin show: Tom Casper asked for volunteers to work the show. He passed around sign-up sheets and asked for volunteers so he can plan for the work load.

Newsletter: Leon stated that he could always use more articles for the newsletter.

Central States: A motion was made by Lee Hartz for the club to contribute \$800 towards the Central States exhibit award if the South Shore Coin Club also contributed \$700 for the award. The motion was seconded by Leon Saryan. The club was informed that South Shore had already agreed to fund the award. The motion passed.

Nomination Committee: The president appointed the trustees to form a nomination committee to select candidates for the following offices. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt. at arms, and one trustee.

Summer Seminar: If you are interested in applying for the ANA summer seminar scholarship the applications must be submitted to the club by February 1, 2017.

Show and Tell: Tom Snyder-Gold Standing Liberty quarter, Howard Thorpe-1000 Won Korea note, British West and East Africa coins, Neil Shafer-Auschwitz concentration camp note, Paul Kromm-NGC State Quarter Proof Registry set, Robert Mathieu-ANA 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary medal and Heritage space exploration auction catalog, Leon Saryan-Anaheim ANA show report.

Program: Robert Leonard of Chicago gave a history of forger Mark Hofmann. Hofmann was a prolific forger of many numismatic items as well as documents relating to the Mormon Church.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Gary Bieringer

#### Cedarburg, WI. hotel

## Token recalls station shuttle

By Tom Casper

Cedarburg, which means "The Castle of Cedars," is a small city about 20 miles north of Milwaukee. It was founded in 1844 along Cedar Creek. The community is known for its historic buildings, many festivals, and the last remaining original covered bridge in Wisconsin. Tourists flock to this charming city to visit its quaint arts and craft shops, galleries, studios and winery,

some of which are located in the former Cedarburg Woolen Mill, which operated from 1864-1968. In 1893 it was the largest woolen mill west of Philadelphia.

One of the prominent historic buildings along its main street is the Washington House Inn on Washington Ave. The words "Washington House" are prominently displayed at the top of the facade. The Washington Inn was Cedarburg's first hotel, built in 1846 on the present site. In 1886 the original structure was replaced by the present Victorian Cream City brick building. It is proudly listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

One of the leading Cedarburg residents to own the Washington House was William H. Horn, who operated it from 1905–20. He was born in Cedarburg in 1859 and was the son of Sen. Fred W. Horn. He learned the trade of railroad telegraph operator and was appointed agent of the Milwaukee Road station in Cedarburg, a position he held for 23 years. He resigned this position when he purchased the Washington House.

With the advent of interurban lines, automobiles and slumping hotel business, he changed the building into a business





The Washington House started charging a dime in 1899 to ride its bus, which ran between the hotel and the railroad station.

block. The Washington House was last listed in the 1924-25 Polk's Hisconsin Gazetteer. Horn died in 1927. In 1984 it opened as bed and breakfast with 15

since expanded to 34 rooms, with each room named for an early Cedarburg settler Room No. 200 is named for William Horn.

Mr. Horn was a supporter of the Democratic party and was appointed postmaster of Cedarburg under Grover Cleveland. He also served as chairman of the Ozaukee



The Washington House, which closed about 1925, was reborn as a bed and breakfast in 1984. This is the establishment's current postcard.

County Board, was mayor of Cedarburg from 1898 to 1904, served on the fire and police commission and was an honorary member of the Cedarburg Fire Department.

Before automobile travel, many visitors arrived in Cedarburg via the Milwaukee Road train. In order to transport the passengers staying at his hotel, the hotel operated a free bus to the hotel and return trip to the depot. The Washington House issued a 29 mm, scalloped, aluminum token which reads, WASH-INGTON/HOUSE/CEDARBURG/WIS./BUS FARE/10C. These could have been handed out at the train station when people arrived or given to the hotel guests when leaving.

I was unable to obtain any information on the hotel bus, but I was able to locate an article referencing the fare increase. The article appeared in the Feb. 1, 1899 edition of *The Cedarburg News*.

No More Free Rides. Hereafter all persons wishing to ride to or from the depot in the Washington House bus will have to pay a fare of 10 cents. The proprietor has run a free bus for the past two years for the accommodation of the public and is entitled now to make a charge so as to cover at least a portion of the expense.

This information dates this token being used from 1899 to 1925. There were a number of owners of the Washington House during this time, but Horn owned the hotel for the longest period and the token was likely issued by him. The token is unlisted in the transportation token book.

Milwaukee collector Tom Casper wrote about Badger Boys State money in the Fall 2015 issue of *The Centinel*. He heads security at numerous coin shows-including the Central States Numismatic Society convention.

#### 2016 MNS Coin Show Report

By Tom Casper, Show Chairman

The 81st MNS annual coin show was held on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at the Serb Hall. The weather was cloudy and rain, the perfect weather for a coin show. The bourse was sold out as usual. After making some adjustments to the table layout we were able to open the doors to booth holders at 7AM. Booth holders were offered complimentary coffee and doughnuts. Two early birds came in at 8AM. By 9AM a line of attendees formed down the hallway anxiously waiting to get in. This was the first year for the increased entrance fee of \$2. The show stayed busy all day as the Packers weren't playing.

At 1 PM the Numismatists of Wisconsin held a board meeting in the boardroom. A number of upstate members were in attendance.

This was Gary Bieringer's first show as Exhibit Chairman. Former Exhibit Chairwoman, Betty Petrovick assisted him in his new capacity. Two of the five exhibits were new. One of the two was by a first-time exhibitor, Bob Burlingame who displayed "North American Horsecar Tokens." The other new exhibit was by Peter Jacobsohn titled "My Grandparents and the Iron Cross Medals of WWI Germany." The other exhibits were "The United States Mint in Manila;" "Coinage of Roman Egypt;" and "Medals Honoring Space Exploration." There was a small glitch when two committed judges didn't arrive. Late in the afternoon, Gary threw out a net and captured two MNS members who graciously filled in. Exhibit awards will be presented at our annual banquet on October 22, 2016.

Our attendance was 438, down from 450 last year. We sold 1,080 raffle tickets by the club members and show attendees. Next year's show will be on Sunday, October 1, 2017. A big thank you goes to the 26 MNS members who worked towards the show. It is only with all this volunteer help that we are able to host a show of this size.

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Editor's Note: A big thank you to Betty Petrovick who ably ran the exhibit area for as long as I can remember, and to Tom Casper for organizing and leading us to another sell-out MNS show. Tom has undertaken this task annually for more than a decade. The one-day Sunday format appears to have served us well, and several dealers that I spoke with said they had a very good show. Raffle tickets are still on sale, and the club needs everyone's support with the tickets to provide funds for the coming year--LAS

#### TOM ARTUS - In Memoriam

Artus, Thomas J. "Tom". Born May 11, 1939 and died peacefully on September 10, 2016 in the comfort of his home at age 78 years. Beloved husband of Veronica (nee Lidwin) Artus. Great father of John (Paula Bohne) and Ann Marie (Avery McWilliams) Artus. Proud grandpa of Michael Cocroft and Sophia Artus. Tom will also be remembered by brother, Robert Artus of Tacoma, WA, sister-in-law, Kathleen Lidwin, other relatives and friends. He was a dedicated and proud sheet metal worker and served as president of the Milwaukee Sheet Metal Union Local 24. He was also a member of the South Shore and MNS Coin Clubs.

## Scenes from the October 2 MNS Coin Show at American Serb Hall (photos courtesy of Tom Casper)



Gary Bieringer sets up the club exhibit area



Betty Petrovick helped Gary run the exhibit area smoothly.